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1. DISCUSSED ANGOLAN SITUATION AT LENGTH WITH FONMIN DJERMAKOYE DEC 24, DAY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM LENGTHY TRIP ABROAD. IN SUMMARY, NIGER REMAINS IN NEUTRAL CATEGORY AND INTENDS ADHERE TO NON-RECOGNITION POLICY UNTIL OAU MEETING.

2. I CONVEYED TO DJERMAKOYE: A) SUBSTANCE OF REF A; B) FRENCH TEXT OF SECRETARY'S AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE'S REMARKS ON AFRICA AND ANGOLAN SITUATION IN DECEMBER 19 WIRELESS FILE (REF B); C) HIGHLIGHTS OF SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF DEC 23 (REF C&D).

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3. IN RESPONSE, DJERMAKOYE SAID US AND NIGER

APPEARED TO BE BASICALLY ON SAME WAVELENGTH REGARDING ANGOLA. GON FAVORED NONRECOGNITION POLICY UNTIL MATTER FULLY DISCUSSED AT FORTHCOMING OAU SUMMIT AND HOPEFULLY SOME CONSENSUS EMERGED WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR SOLUTION BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS. GON CONSIDERED RECOGNITION OF ONE OF CONTENDING FACTIONS AS ONLY COMPLICATING MATTERS AND MAKING THAT FACTION MORE OBSTINATE TOWARDS OTHER TWO GROUPS, GON ALSO OPPOSED ALL OUTSIDE INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AND BELIEVED THERE WAS FAIR CHANCE AFRICANS COULD RESOLVE MATTERS PEACEFULLY IF BIG POWERS STOPPED THEIR INTERFERENCE IN ANGOLA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. DJERMAKOYE SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT US ALSO CONDEMNED OUTSIDE MILITARY INTERVENTION, INCLUDING THAT OF SOUTH AFRICA.

4. COMMENT: MY JUDGMENT IS THAT NIGER IS FIRM IN ITS NONRECOGNITION POLICY UNTIL OAU MEETING (REF E&F).HECK

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